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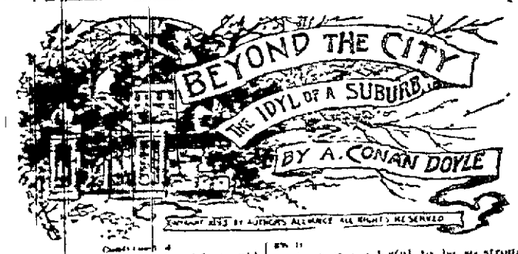


"Oh, if could I ... happy"

"You must go in ... he will be ill"

"My father will ... where I am. ... shall I say ... anything to him"

If you like, my ... Or I will in the morning. I must tell my mother to-night. I know how delighted she will be"

I do believe so"

"Let me take you up the garden path. It is so dark. Your Lulu is not ill yet. There is the window. Till tomorrow, then, dearest"

Till tomorrow Harold"

My own darling" He stooped and their lips met for the first time. Then as she pushed open the folding windows she heard his quick firm step as it passed down the gravelled path. A lamp was lit down the passage in the room and there was Ida dancing about like a mischievous little fairy in front of her

"And have you anything to tell me" she asked, with a solemn look. Then suddenly throwing her arms round her sister's neck "Oh you dear dear old Clara! I am so pleased"

CHAPTER VII.

"SPIRIT TANDEM FIGURINAS."

It was just three days after the doctor and the eldest son had congratulated each other upon the closer tie which was to unite their two families, and to turn their friendship into something even dearer and more intimate, that Miss Ida received a letter which caused her surprise and considerable amusement. It was dated from next door and was handed in by the red headed page after breakfast.

"Dear Miss Ida" began this curious document and then relapsed suddenly into the third person "Mr Charles Westmacott hopes that he may have the extreme pleasure of a ride with Miss Ida Walker upon his tandem tricycle. Mr Charles Westmacott will bring it round in half an hour. You in front. Yours very truly, Charles Westmacott"

The postscript was written in a large, boyish hand very unlike the stiff strokes and thick on the down, as though cares and pains had gone to the fashioning of it.

Strange as it was the form the meaning was clear enough to Ida hastened to her room and hid hardly allowed on her light gray cycling dress when she saw the tandem with its large occupant at the door. He handed her up to her saddle with a more solemn and thoughtful face than was usual with him and a few moments later they were flying along the beautiful smooth suburban roads in the direction of Forest hill. The great limbs of the athlete made the heavy machine spring and quiver with every stroke, while the mild moon gray figure with the laughing face and the golden curls blowing from under the little pink banded straw hat, simply held firmly to her perch and let the treadles whirl round beneath her feet. Mile after mile they flew, the wind beating in her face, the great dancing trees and hedges past in two long ranks on either side, until they had passed round Croydon and were approaching Norwood from the farther side.

"Shall you turn round" she asked, glancing over her shoulder and turning to find him a little pink ear, finely golden hair, and cornflower blue eyes twinkling from the very corner of its lid.

"Not a bit. I am just getting my wind. I could ride like this for ever. You are a wonderful person to be so strong! You do exactly remind me of a steam engine"

Why a steam engine"

Well because it is so powerful and reliable and unerring. Well I didn't mean that last you know but—but—you know what I mean. What is the matter with you"

"Why"

Because you have something on your mind. You have not laughed once"

He looked up and saw a warm laugh in each of her eyes. And why did you write me such a terse, nasty stiff letter"

That was because I was sure it was stiff. I felt it was a stiff sort of thing"

Then why write it"

It was the temptation"

What was the temptation"

It was a dream of the name of Slattery"

Slattery Who is he"

I knew it would come out. I felt that it would. You've heard of Slattery the author"

It was cruel of you expressing himself. He was a book called The Secret Selves or Inner Writing Made Easy. It gives you models of all sorts of letters"

Ida burst out laughing "So you actually copied one"

It was to invite a young lady to a picnic but I've torn it and soon got it changed so that it would do very well. Slattery was very obliging and helped me to rub it out. But when I had written it so much so dreadfully stiff that I did put a little beginning and ending on which seemed bright enough"

I remember something funny about it"

Do you remember nothing the first time you read it"

How quick you are! I think that I was a salmon or gudgeon or some fish and I found myself trying to"

What to do then"

To be a man in Texas, and lead a free life. I am to buy a ranch in Texas at once. It is all in the paper I am reading and a sort of Wild West picture in the envelope you much like to come out there with me"

He nearly lost his perch in his astonishment. The shy words of which she could not see. My goodness me"

If you will let me I can arrange all your plans or change your arrangements in any way" He had not said a word but let go of the steering handle so that the great machine wobbled and lurched from one side of the road to the other. I know very well that I am a better rider than that. I am not but still I would do all I can to please you always. Don't you think that you might come to see me still"

I would prefer that I want a little more than that I want a little while still to be with you"

Then you shall Ida, which they were both well aware I do not know"

Oh I don't know. It is too difficult such things. You speak to me about it when we get home"

I think I have a way I put you in front of me and I'll ride that it would suit me. But if you will give me the machine, and let you come sit behind and talk about it"

Good still Fancy our riding a mile unless we could talk about it. I'll tell you what I will do. I'll get out of their windows at once"

It would be very funny wouldn't it So I suppose that was both get off and ... in front of us"

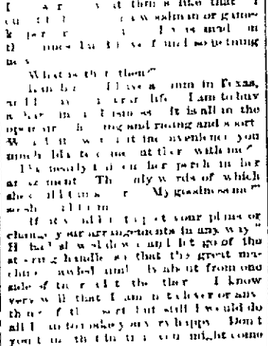
Oh I could carry the thing"

Ida burst out laughing. That would be a absurd sight"

Then we will go quietly and I will look out for the steps. I won't talk about it at all if you would rather not But I really do love you very much, and you will be more happy if you came to Texas with me and I think that perhaps after a time I could make you happy too"

But your aunt"

"Oh, she would like it very much. I can and I stand that your father might not like to lose you. I'm sure I wouldn't either if I were he. But after all, America is not very far off nowadays, and it is not so very wild. We would take a grand piano, and—and—a copy of Browning And Denver and his wife would come over to see us. We should be quite a family party. It would be jolly"



May I have it" said he "for life"

Ida sat listening to the stumbling words and awkward phrases which were whispered from the back of her, but there was something in Charles Westmacott's clumsiness of speech which was more moving than the words of the most eloquent of pleaders. He paused, he stammered, he caught his breath between the words, and he blurted out in little blunt phrases all the hopes of his heart. If love had not come to her yet, there was at least pity and sympathy, which are nearly akin to it. Wonder also, that one so weak and frail as she should shake this strong man so, should have the whole course of his life waiting for her decision. Her left hand was on the cushion at her side. He leaned forward and took it gently in his own. She did not try to draw it back from him

"May I have it, said he, "for life"

"Oh, do attend to your steering," said she smiling around at him, "and don't say any more about this today. Please don't"

"When shall I know then"

"Oh I can't to-morrow. I don't know I must ask Clara. Talk about something else, do"

And they did talk about something else but her left hand was still inclosed in his and he knew without asking again that all was well

CHAPTER VIII.

AN UNKNOWN BEFORE.

Mrs Westmacott's great meeting for the enfranchisement of woman had passed over, and it had been a triumphant success. All the maids and matrons of the southern suburbs had rallied at her summons, there was an influential platform, with Dr Balthazar Walker in the chair, and Admiral Hay Denver among his more prominent supporters. One benighted male had come in from the outside darkness and had jeered from the farther end of the hall, but he had been called to order by the chair, pitied by indignant glances from the unenfranchised around him and finally escorted to the door by Charles Westmacott. Fiery resolutions were passed, to be forwarded to a large number of leading statesmen, and the meeting broke up with the conviction that a shrewd blow had been struck for the cause of woman

But there was one woman at least to whom the meeting and all that was connected with it had brought anything but pleasure. Clara Walker watched with a heavy heart the friendship and close intimacy which had sprung up between her father and the widow. From week to week it had increased until no day or evening passed without their being together. The coming meeting had been the excuse for these continual interviews, but now the meeting was over and still the doctor would refer every point which rose to the judgment of his neighbor. He would talk too to his two daughters of her strength of character her decisive mind, and of the necessity of their cultivating her acquaintance and following her example until at last it had become his most common topic of conversation

All this might have passed as merely the natural pleasure which an elderly man might take in the society of an intelligent and handsome woman, but there were other points which seemed to Clara to give it a deeper meaning. She could not forget that when Charles Westmacott had spoken to her one night he had alluded to the possibility of his aunt marrying again. He must have known or noticed something before he would speak upon such a subject. And then again Mrs Westmacott had herself said that she hoped to change her style of living shortly and take over completely new duties. What could that mean except that she expected to marry? And whom? She seemed to see few friends outside their own little circle. She must have alluded to her father. It was a hateful thought, and yet it must be faced

One evening the doctor had been rather late at his neighbor's. He used to go into the admiral's after dinner, but now he turned more frequently in the other direction. When he returned, Clara was sitting alone in the drawing room reading a magazine. She sprang up as he entered, pushed forward his chair and ran to fetch his slippers.

"You are looking a little pale, dear," he remarked

"Oh, no papa, I am very well"

"All well with Harold"

"Yes. His partner, Mr Pearson is still away and he is doing all the work"

"Well done. He is sure to succeed. Where is Ida"

In her room, I think"

"She was with Charles Westmacott on the lawn not very long ago. He seems very fond of her. He is not very bright, but I think he will make her a good husband"

I am sure of it, papa. He is very manly and reliable"

"Yes, I should think that he is not the sort of man who goes wrong. There is nothing hidden about him. As to his brightness, it really does not matter for his aunt, Mrs. Westmacott, is very rich —much richer than you would think from her style of living—and she has made him a handsome provision."

"I am glad of that."

"It is between ourselves. I am her trustee, and so I know something of her arrangements. And when are you going to marry, Clara"

Oh, papa not for some time yet. We have not thought of a date"

Well, really, I don't know that there is any reason for delay. He has a competence, and it increases yearly. As long as you are quite certain that your mind is made up"

Oh papa"

"Well then, I really do not know why there should be any delay. And Ida, too, must be married within the next few months. Now, what I want to know is what I am to do when my two little companions run away from me." He spoke lightly, but his eyes were grave as he looked questioningly at his daughter.

"Dear papa you shall not be alone. It will be years before Harold and I think of marrying, and when we do you must come and live with us."

"No, no, dear I know that you mean what you say, but I have seen something of the world, and I know that such arrangements never answer. There cannot be two masters in a house, and yet at my age my freedom is very necessary to me"

But you would be completely free."

No dear you cannot be that if you are a guest in another man's house. Can you suggest no other alternative?"

That we remain with you."

No no. That is out of the question. Mrs. Westmacott herself says that a woman's first duty is to marry. Marriage, however, should be an equal partnership as she points out. I should wish you both to marry, but still I should like a suggestion from you Clara, as to what I should do"

But there is no hurry, papa. Let us wait. I do not intend to marry yet."

Dr Walker looked disappointed.

"Well, Clara, if you can suggest nothing I suppose that I must take the initiative myself" said he

"Then what do you propose, papa" She braced herself as one who sees the blow which is about to fall.

He looked at her and hesitated. "How like your poor dear mother you are, Clara" he cried "As I looked at you then it was as if she had come back from the grave" He stooped toward her and kissed her "There, run away to your sister, my dear, and do not trouble yourself about me. Nothing is settled yet, but you will find that all will come right."

Clara went up stairs sad at heart, for she was sure now that what she had feared was indeed about to come to pass, and that her father was going to ask Mrs Westmacott to be his wife. In her pure and earnest mind her mother's memory was cherished as that of a saint, and the thought that any one should take her place seemed a terrible desecration. Even worse, however, did this marriage appear when looked at from the point of view of her father's future.

The widow might fascinate him by her knowledge of the world, her dash, her strength, her unconventionality—all these qualities Clara was willing to allow her—but she was convinced that she would be unendurable as a life companion. She had come to an age when habits are not lightly to be changed, nor was she a woman who was at all likely to attempt to change them. How would a sensitive man like her father stand the constant strain of such a wife, a woman who was all decision, with no softness and nothing soothing in her nature?

It passed as a mere eccentricity when they heard of her stout drinking, her cigarette smoking, her occasional whiffs at a long clay pipe, her horsewhipping of a drunken servant and her companionship with the snake Eliza, whom she was in the habit of bearing about in her pocket. All this would become unendurable to her father when his first infatuation was past. For his own sake, then, as well as for her mother's memory, this match must be prevented. And yet how powerless she was to prevent it! What could she do? Could Harold aid her? Perhaps. Or Ida? At least she would tell her sister and see what she could suggest

Ida was in her boudoir, a tiny little tapestried room, as neat and dainty as herself, with low walls hung with Imari plaques and with pretty little Swiss brackets bearing blue Kaga vases or the pure white Coalport china. In a low chair beneath a red shaded standing lamp sat Ida in a diaphanous evening dress of mousseline de soie the ruddy light tinging her sweet childlike face and glowing on her golden curls. She sprang up as her sister entered and threw her arms around her

She pushed forward his chair and ran to fetch his slippers

"Dear old Clara! Come and sit down here beside me. I have not had a chat for days. But, oh, what a troubled face! What is it then?" She put up her forefinger and smoothed her sister's brow with it.

Clara pulled up a stool, and sitting down beside her sister passed her arm round her waist. "I am so sorry to trouble you, dear Ida," she said, "but I do not know what to do"

"There's nothing the matter with Harold"

"Oh, no Ida"

"Nor with my Charley"

"No, no"

Ida gave a sigh of relief. "You quite frightened me dear" said she. "You can't think how solemn you look. What is it, then"

"I believe that papa intends to ask Mrs Westmacott to marry him"

Ida burst out laughing. "What can have put such a notion into your head Clara"

"It is only too true Ida. I suspected it before and he himself almost told me as much with his own lips tonight. I don t think that it is a laughing matter"

Really, I could not help it. If you had told me that those two dear old ladies opposite the Misses Williams, were both engaged you would not have surprised me more. It is really too funny"

"Funny Ida? Think of any one taking the place of dear mother"

But her sister was of a more practical and less sentimental nature. "I am sure" said she, "that dear mother would like papa to do whatever would make him most happy. We shall both be away, and why should papa not please himself"

"But think how unhappy he will be. You know how quiet he is in his ways and how even a little thing will upset him. How could he live with a wife who would make his whole life a series of surprises? Fancy what a whirlwind she must be in a house. A man at his age cannot change his ways. I am sure he would be miserable"

Ida's face grew graver, and she pondered over the matter for a few minutes. "I really think that you are right, as usual," said she at last. "I admire Charley's aunt very much, you know, and I think that she is a very useful and good person, but I don't think she would do as a wife for poor quiet papa."

"But he will certainly ask her, and I really think that she intends to accept him. Then it would be too late to interfere. We have only a few days at the most. And what can we do? How can we hope to make him change his mind?"

Again Ida pondered. "He has never tried what it is to live with a strong minded woman," said she. "If we could only get him to realize it in time! Oh, Clara, I have it. I have it! Such a lovely plan!" She leaned back in her chair and burst into a fit of laughter so natural and so hearty that Clara had to forget her troubles and join in it.

"Oh, it is beautiful!" she gasped at last. "Poor papa! What a time he will have! But it's all for his own good, as he used to say when we had to be punished when we were little. Oh, Clara, I do hope your heart won't fail you."

"I would do anything to save him, dear"

"That's it. You must steel yourself by that thought."

"But what is your plan?"

"Oh, I am so proud of it. We will tire him forever of the widow and of all emancipated women. Let me see, what are Mrs. Westmacott's main ideas? You have listened to her more than I. Women should attend less to household duties. That is one, is it not?"

"Yes, if they feel they have capabilities for higher things. Then she thinks that every woman who has leisure should take up the study of some branch of science, and that as far as possible every woman should qualify herself for some trade or profession, choosing for preference those which have been hitherto monopolized by men. To enter the others would only be to intensify the present competition."

"Quite so. That is glorious" Her blue eyes were dancing with mischief, and she clapped her hands in her delight. "What else? She thinks that whatever a man can do a woman should be allowed to do also—does she not"

"She says so"

"And about dress? The short skirt and the divided skirt are what she believes in."

"Yes."

"We must get in some cloth."

"Why?"

"We must make ourselves a dress each. A brand new, enfranchised, emancipated dress, dear. Don't you see my plan? We shall act up to all Mrs. Westmacott's views in every respect and improve them when we can. Then papa will know what it is to live with a woman who claims all her rights. Oh, Clara, it will be splendid."

Her milder sister sat speechless before so daring a scheme. "But it would be wrong, Ida" she cried at last.

"Not a bit. It is to save him."

I should not dare"

"Oh, yes, you would. Harold will help. Besides what other plan have you?"

"I have none"

"Then you must take mine"

"Yes. Perhaps you are right. Well, we do it for a good motive."

"You will do it?"

"I do not see any other way."

"You dear, good Clara! Now I will show you what you are to do. We must not begin too suddenly. It might excite suspicion"

"What would you do, then?"

"To-morrow we must go to Mrs. Westmacott. I sit at her feet and learn all her views."

"What hypocrites we shall feel"

"We shall be her newest and most enthusiastic converts. Oh it will be such fun, Clara. Then we shall make our plans and send for what we want and begin our new life."

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Mrs. Westmacott sacrificed her tricycle ride in her eagerness over her pet subject, and her two fair disciples drank in every word and noted her every suggestion for future use. That afternoon they went shopping in London, and before evening strange packages began to be handed in at the doctor's door. The plot was ripe for execution, and one of the conspirators was merry and jubilant, while the other was very nervous and troubled.

When the doctor came down to the dining room next morning, he was surprised to find that his daughters had already been up some time. Ida was installed at one end of the table with a spirit lamp, a curved glass flask and several bottles in front of her. The contents of the flask were boiling furiously, while a villainous smell filled the room. Clara lounged in an armchair with her feet upon a second one, a blue covered book in her hand and a huge map of the British Islands spread across her lap.

"Hullo" cried the doctor, blinking and sniffing, where's the breakfast"

"Oh, didn't you order it?" asked Ida.

"I? No, why should I?" He rang the bell. "Why have you not laid the breakfast, Jane"

"If you please sir, Miss Ida was a-working at the table"

"Oh, of course, Jane," said the young lady calmly. I am so sorry. I shall be ready to move in a few minutes."

But what on earth are you doing, Ida" asked the doctor. "The smell is most offensive. And, good gracious, look at the mess which you have made upon the cloth! Why you have burned a hole right through"

"Oh that is the acid," Ida answered contentedly. "Mrs. Westmacott said that it would burn holes."

"You might have taken her word for it without trying," said her father dryly.

"But look here pa! See what the book says. The scientific mind takes nothing upon trust. Prove all things! I have proved that."

"You certainly have. Well, until breakfast is ready I'll glance over The Times. Have you seen it?"

"The Times! Oh, dear me, this is it which I have under my spirit lamp. I am afraid there is some acid upon that, too, and it is rather damp and torn. Here it is."

The doctor took the bedraggled paper with a rueful face. "Everything seems to be wrong today," he remarked. "What is this sudden enthusiasm about chemistry, Ida"

"Oh, I am trying to live up to Mrs. Westmacott's teaching."

"Quite right, quite right" said he, though perhaps with less heartiness than he had shown the day before. "Ah, here is breakfast at last"

But nothing was comfortable that morning. There were eggs without sugar-spoons, toast which was leathery from being kept, dried up rashers and grounds in the coffee. Above all there was that dreadful smell which pervaded everything and gave a horrible tarang to every mouthful.

"I don't wish to put a damper upon your studies, Ida," said the doctor, as he pushed back his chair. "But I do think it would be better if you did your chemical experiments a little later in the day on should rise early and do them before breakfast."

"But Mrs. Westmacott says that we should not begin too suddenly. It might excite suspicion"

"What would you do, then?"

"Come over and learn all about it from her views."

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Mrs. Westmacott sacrificed her tricycle ride in her eagerness over her pet subject, and her two fair disciples drank in every word and noted her every suggestion for future use. That afternoon they went shopping in London, and before evening strange packages began to be handed in at the doctor's door. The plot was ripe for execution, and one of the conspirators was merry and jubilant, while the other was very nervous and troubled.

When the doctor came down to the dining room next morning, he was surprised to find that his daughters had already been up some time. Ida was installed at one end of the table with a spirit lamp, a curved glass flask and several bottles in front of her. The contents of the flask were boiling furiously, while a villainous smell filled the room. Clara lounged in an armchair with her feet upon a second one, a blue covered book in her hand and a huge map of the British Islands spread across her lap.

"Hullo" cried the doctor, blinking and sniffing, where's the breakfast"

"Oh, didn't you order it?" asked Ida.

"I? No, why should I?" He rang the bell. "Why have you not laid the breakfast, Jane"

"If you please sir, Miss Ida was a-working at the table"

"Oh, of course, Jane," said the young lady calmly. I am so sorry. I shall be ready to move in a few minutes."

But what on earth are you doing, Ida" asked the doctor. "The smell is most offensive. And, good gracious, look at the mess which you have made upon the cloth! Why you have burned a hole right through"

"Oh that is the acid," Ida answered contentedly. "Mrs. Westmacott said that it would burn holes."

"You might have taken her word for it without trying," said her father dryly.

"But look here pa! See what the book says. The scientific mind takes nothing upon trust. Prove all things! I have proved that."

"You certainly have. Well, until breakfast is ready I'll glance over The Times. Have you seen it?"

"The Times! Oh, dear me, this is it which I have under my spirit lamp. I am afraid there is some acid upon that, too, and it is rather damp and torn. Here it is."

The doctor took the bedraggled paper with a rueful face. "Everything seems to be wrong today," he remarked. "What is this sudden enthusiasm about chemistry, Ida"

"Oh, I am trying to live up to Mrs. Westmacott's teaching."

"Quite right, quite right" said he, though perhaps with less heartiness than he had shown the day before. "Ah, here is breakfast at last"

But nothing was comfortable that morning. There were eggs without sugar-spoons, toast which was leathery from being kept, dried up rashers and grounds in the coffee. Above all there was that dreadful smell which pervaded everything and gave a horrible tarang to every mouthful.

"I don't wish to put a damper upon

"Clara" he gasped "I could not have believed it!"

"What is it, papa"

"You are smoking"

"Trying to, papa. I find it a little difficult, for I have not been used to it."

"But why, in the name of goodness"—

"Mrs Westmacott recommends it."

"Oh, a lady of mature years may do many things which a young girl must avoid"

"Oh, no," cried Ida. "Mrs. Westmacott says that there should be one law for all. Have a cigarette, pa!"

"No, thank you. I never smoke in the morning."

"No? Perhaps you don't care for the brand. What are these, Clara"

"Egyptians."

"Ah, we must have some Richmond Gems or Turkish. I wish, pa, when you go into town you would get me some Turkish."

"I will do nothing of the kind. I do not at all think that it is a fitting habit for young ladies. I do not agree with Mrs. Westmacott upon the point."

"Really, pa! It was you who advised us to imitate her"

"But with discrimination. What is it that you are drinking, Clara"

"Rum, papa."

"Rum! In the morning!" He sat down and rubbed his eyes as one who tries to shake off some evil dream. "Did you say rum"

"Yes, pa. They all drink it in the profession which I am going to take up."

"Profession, Clara"

"Mrs. Westmacott says that every woman should follow a calling, and that we ought to choose those which women have always avoided."

"Quite so."

"Well, I am going to act upon her advice. I am going to be a pilot."

"My dear Clara! A pilot! This is too much."

"This is a beautiful book, papa. 'The Lights, Beacons, Buoys, Channels and Landmarks of Great Britain.' Here is another, 'The Master Mariner's Handbook.' You can't imagine how interesting it is."

"You are joking, Clara. You must be joking."

(To be Continued.)

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The subscriber has a Champion Mowing Machine for sale, cheap. It is in excellent running order.

Wm. H. Pfund.

Smethport, July 28, 1893.

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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION
HEADQUARTERS REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 1 1893.

To the Republican Electors of Pennsylvania:

I am directed by the Republican State Committee to announce that the Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will assemble in State Convention, at HARRISBURG, Pa., AUGUST 9th 1893, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the following purposes, to-wit: For the nomination of candidates respectively for Judge of the Supreme Court and State Treasurer and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

Attention is called to the rule adopted at the State Convention of 1891 providing for a new basis of representation, as follows:

"Resolved, That representation in future State Conventions shall be based upon the vote cast for the Republican candidate for Presidential elector at the preceding Presidential election, one delegate being allotted to each Legislative district for every 4,000 Republican votes, and an additional delegate for a fraction exceeding 2,000 votes, each district to have at least one delegate."

Having ascertained the number of delegates to which each Legislative district is entitled in the Convention of August 9th, under the above rule, by order of the Republican State Committee.

FRANK MCCLURE, Chairman.
Attest:
FRANK WILLIAMS LEACH, Secretary.

The orthodox attention to the above all states that McKean county is entitled to two delegates in the State Convention.

HON JNO STEWART of Chambersburg one of the most competent men in the State for the position has withdrawn as a candidate for the supreme Judge nomination.

COL. B F GILLESPIE of Erie county will be Chairman of the Republican State Committee if he will accept the position He is one of the best political organizers in the State.

SOME of the papers are saying that the Hon. Harry Ilvan Hall the recently made U S District Attorney for the western district of Pennsylvania, is proving a disappointment. Who expected differently?

THE meeting of the Tioga Bar to consider a few days since, called to endorse Supreme Court Justice Williams course on the bill to abolish the Public Building Commission of Philadelphia, appears to have proven an unfortunate affair for the Judge Only 15 of the 54 members of the association were present, a number of those being out spoken in their opposition, Maj Geo W Merrick making a strong speech against the Judge's action on the bill

ARMSTRONG COUNTY has a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court in the person of ex-Judge James B Neale Col. S. M Jackson of the same county is a candidate for State Treasurer Judge Neale has been in the field for several months and the delegates elected to represent that county were undoubtedly chosen in his interest. It is hardly in the possibilities for the Judge to be nominated and the nomination of Col. Jackson is more than probable

ONE of the first acts of the new Secretary of the United States Senate, Maj Gen. Cox of the late rebel army, was to discharge Capt. E. T Cumey a Union soldier, who served with distinction during the war Cumey was commended on the floor of the Senate for his efficiency as Asst. Librarian of that body The rebel Gen. Cox dismissed him without five minutes notice and appointed a South Carolinian in his stead. The rebels are on top here enough.

SENATOR HANSON is reported in the Harrisburg *Patriot* as saying that "he does not have an idea who the McKean county delegates will support for State Treasurer." It is very likely that our representatives in the coming State Convention have not, as yet, made up their minds who they will vote for. They go there determined to act for the best interests of McKean county, and with that end in view they probably will not reach a conclusion until they have looked the situation over on the ground.

JAMES T NEAL, the author of the tariff plank which the last Democratic National Convention adopted against the protest of Mr Whitney and other friends of Mr Cleveland, is the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio. The fight in that State will be squarely between protection and free-trade. Gov McKinley represents protection in its broadest sense, while Neal is an avowed free-trader The result of that contest will be watched with great interest by the people of the entire country

ARMSTRONG is called to the commandership of Maj. Geo W Merrick, of Wellsboro, in reply to a letter of Hon. A. C. Hopkins, member of Congress from the Tioga district, who asked for information from his constituents as to the position they would like to have him take on the silver questions pending in Congress. He will not require any further information from the Major, whose letter we copy from the *Agitator* of last week. A clearer, more common, more satisfactory solution of the silver problem we have not seen.

"The commercial world and thursday, the 24th [illegible] were [illegible] observe, and be surely [illegible] in fact."
For despite evasive blather he cannot help but
As he hands it for Maxwell,
When
His
Hand
Down
We must have silver paper to prop our cause upon.
So Grover with some others take that trade ban
Down
But don't let them the tariff ban notched on the screw.
And he throws it over himself,
When
His
Mill
Shall
Down
O, partner of great Ad al out rage are cheap abroad
You know that import taxes are a swindle and a fraud
So let those who spend their paper have and turn the tariff lower
Then it hears something more about it
When
Your
Mill
Shall
Down
It severed the very next day for the patriots would change.
They got it and that way that storm still rages in quite strength.
It severs for four years steady to the country
Until make no bit to you at last.
When
Your
Mill
Shall
Down
W. R. D. L.

PENNSYLVANIA FAIR DAY

On Tuesday of last week Governor Pattison issued a proclamation which says

WHEREAS the Board of World's Fair Managers of Pennsylvania has appointed Thursday September 7th 1893 as Pennsylvania Day at the Columbian Exposition and on the grounds thereof and the Executive Commissioner for this Commonwealth has received the pledge and hearty assurance of the World's Fair authorities and representatives that they will cooperate to make the exercises and celebration of that day imposing and significant.

Now therefore I Robert E. Pattison Governor of the Commonwealth do hereby notify and proclaim to all the people that Thursday September 7 1893 will be Pennsylvania Day at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago Ill and I invite the citizens of Pennsylvania and the representatives of all their interests participating in this exposition and the officials of all the municipalities and other political subdivisions of the State, to join in making this occasion worthy of the Commonwealth in whose honor it has been devised I recommend and request the people of Pennsylvania to visit the World's Fair at that time and to assemble at the Pennsylvania State Building to participate in the commemorative exercises.

SENATOR QUAY has declared his position on the all absorbing question before Congress in a manner altogether satisfactory to his constituents as follows I shall, of course vote for the straight repeal of the silver-purchasing clause of the so-called Sherman act but if some suitable legislation could be reached on the metallic circulation of the country it might be beneficial For the convenience of trade minor coins are necessary and perhaps a comparison of gold but the metals should stand on a parity in intrinsic value If the faith of the government is above the basis of current value paper would be more economical had metal But all commercial nations must have some medium of fixed intrinsic value as the unit of commercial and financial exchange Gold being a metal subject to no appreciable fluctuation in intrinsic value, the fluctuations of exchange values of gold being simply a commercial incident that metal has been adopted as the coin of the commercial world We may legislate on silver but it will always be governed in intrinsic value by the supposed law of supply and demand But one of the singular features of silver is that in the face of the government demand alone for 1 500 000 ounces a month the price of that metal has gone steadily down

COMMANDER IN CHIEF WEISSERT of the Grand Army of the Republic spoke at a camp fire in Canton Ohio on Wednesday night of last week During his speech he uttered the following sentiments, which will be endorsed by every G A R comrade in the country "There is not a man on the pension rolls to day who was not placed there honestly and just as the pension laws required him to be If you find a man drawing a pension illegally the Government considers it your duty to report that man The G A R is just as anxious for the enforcement of the laws now as it was in 1861 65 Nothing has occurred since then to change its views We object to anyone assailing the entire pension roll without citing a single case It generally occurs that those who assail the pension rolls were not in the Army on either side The membership of the G A R is always loyal.

CONGRESSMAN SIBLEY of the Erie-Crawford district is a bowler from Howlersville, for the free coinage of silver He made a speech in the House the other day which attracted some attention because of its bloody atrocities, its funny illustrations, and its utter failure to show how the country could be benefitted through free coinage Sibley is a millionaire demagogue, just the character of a man to reach Congress by playing upon the prejudicies of the people He is figuring for the Democratic nomination for Governor of this State and yet he jumped on to the President in great shape in his tirade in the House However, the Democrats are very likely to nominate him because of his barrel

THE Pennsylvania Republican State Convention will nominate next Wednesday in Harrisburg the gentlemen who will be elected as Supreme Judge and State Treasurer next November There is no doubt about the nomination of Judge Fell of Philadelphia for the first position. A friendly contest is going on through the State for the State Treasurer nomination, and appearances indicate the success of Col S. M. Jackson of Armstrong county, although Hon Haywood of Mercer county is doing some lively work Owing to the serious opposition to Speaker Thompson in Philadelphia he will probably not make much of a showing in the Convention.

IF every Grand Army post in the United States should demand the removal of Hoke Smith from the interior department he would have to go — New York Mail and Express.

Let the demand be made!

The attempt of Hoke Smith to screw up matters with the boys in blue who marched through Georgia in 1861 has aroused the proportions of a national scandal and reproach.—Albany Journal.

THE NEW YORK HERALD, commenting on the condition of affairs nine months after the election of Grover Cleveland, says:

"In the great industrial centers of the East and West mills have been shut down, factories closed and operatives thrown out of employment. In the larger cities hosts of wage earners are idle in every branch of trade and industry Everywhere the toiling masses who depend upon their daily bread are suffering by countless thousands from the loss of employment and wages."

A little more than nine months ago, under a Republican Administration, with the expectation that the McKinley law would continue in effect and that American labor would be shielded from competition with the pauper labor of Europe American industries were profitable and prosperous. The "toiling masses" were in receipt of liberal wages, and instead of mills being shut down new enterprises were being projected and all who cared to work could readily find employment What has changed that bright picture to one of the darkest in our history? What has reduced the American workingman to such a condition that a leading Cleveland free trade organ demands pauper relief from the Government for the "countless thousands" who are out of employment? Nothing but the apprehension that the Democrats are about to deal a deadly blow at American industry by adopting free trade under the guise of tariff reform.

American workingmen have no desire to be paupers. They ask for protection not for alms. They ask that they shall not be pauperized in order that the markets of America may be transferred to Great Britain Let assurance be given that protection of American industry will not be interfered with and there will be no occasion for Mugwumps to suggest a government allowance for impoverished workingmen N Y Press.

BRUTAL FRANKNESS.

In a recent issue of the Durham N *Globe* the following appeared

I am for the brave Buffalo man who slapped the dirty possessors who are for the most part beggars in the face They were dirty and lousy rascals who came into this country and who abused women who burned homes who stole all that was in sight and to-day without an honorable scar are bleeding this country and I am helping to pay for it Let the hired Yankees howl I am of the South and for the South The pension fraud is a theft, and we repeat that no man can honestly defend it. The South has been taxed to death to pay the grand army of rascals those battle scarred bucks who reach out the empty palm and when Cleveland struck the beggars in the face he did a good business job We hope to God that he may have the chance to hit 'em again Vagrants and mendicants should be both vigorously slapped and kicked."

Last fall when the Republican papers now and then copied articles from the Durham *Globe* the Democratic papers insisted that the editor of that rebel sheet was a republican in disguise that he was paid by the Republican National Committee to do the infamous work of which the foregoing paragraph is a fair sample Do they still entertain that ideal So brutal an attack on the pension system could not emanate from reputable sources and so questionably the decent citizens of the South deprecate such utterances very much yet the teachings of rabid newspapers and stump speakers have a tendency to keep up that feeling

SPEAKING of the bankers lot at this time the Providence *Journal* says "A well fed and well groomed banker smiling blandly from his office chair has been a specimen of worldly content and comfort from time immemorial But just now there is probably not a banker in the country who I can't look with some envy upon the humble factory operative who has a few dollars in his pocket and two or three weeks in which to go fishing The *Commercial* says one of the best of the Buffalo bankers said recently that if there was a country minister with a $500 salary who wanted to change places with him he was ready for the swap

IN a recent letter on the condition of the country Senator Sherman used this language There never was a time in the history of the United States when the fruits of the earth have been more abundant when industry if left undisturbed would produce greater results when our currency whether gold silver or paper could be more easily maintained at par with each other and when our financial policy could be more firmly settled by a simple declaration of Congress that all contracts, public and private shall unless otherwise expressly provided be payable in money of equal purchasing power with gold coin of the United States.

GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND the *Commercial Advertiser* Cleveland observer and analyst of men regards Tom Reed as a likely man for 1896. But suppose McKinley is re-elected in Ohio, as there are many indications that he will be Will not the logic of the situation rather beckon to the Ohio man? Will let us bear in mind that the dawn of '96 is not due for some time. Several important things may happen in the meantime But Presidential lightning is playing to a buzz flicker around the depilated cranium of the Maine statesman New York Advertiser

A NUMBER of phase of the silver controversy in Congress is the attempt of certain Mugwump journals to fasten responsibility upon Republican Senators for the possible failure of the effort to repeal the silver purchasing clauses of the Act of 1890 The same papers were in a white rage a few days ago because Republican Senators dared to rise in their seats and advise prompt compliance with the suggestion of the President's Message.—Baltimore American.

WITH Bourke Cockran leading the Administration forces in the House, and David Bennett Hill running a counter-attraction in the Senate, it will not be surprising if the Tammany tiger gets cross-eyed trying to see where it is at.—Detroit Journal.

To expedite matters the public would gladly agree to a compromise based on a *Subscribe for the MINER.*

I ask space in your journal for a brief reply to the letter of Hon. A. C. Hopkins, our Member of Congress for this district, asking the views of his constituents upon financial legislation.

I have no doubt that the conservative opinion of the thinking men of all parties in Tioga county is in favor of the repeal of the silver-purchasing clause of the Sherman act, pushed to save the country from something a great deal worse—free silver coinage.

I am opposed personally to the unconditional repeal of the Sherman law because of the wise provision in it pledging the government to maintain the parity of our money—coin and currency

Mr Hopkins says "I am unalterably opposed to a single gold standard."

Our member would confer a great favor not alone upon his constituency but upon the whole world if he would inform them how to maintain two standards of value, without making and keeping them of equal intrinsic value. Gold is the commonly-accepted standard of value of the civilized nations the world over only because it possesses more of the inherent and necessary qualities of money, than any other thing known to us,—and this, above and beyond the power of Congresses or Parliaments to add to, or take from And one of these qualities is a high degree of value

Our member may remember that in 1851 5 under a suspension of specie payments, the United States Government's full debt paying legal tender greenback dollar sank to the value of fifty cents and lost simply because its true value was measured by gold, despite the Government's fiat on its face.

We have now by law, two legal coin standards of value and yet in practical effect we have but one—the gold standard The real value of our legal tender silver dollar (about sixty cents) is determined by the gold standard, notwithstanding the legal tender enactments of Congress How is the parity of the two dollars preserved—their real disparity overcome? What prevents gold from being at an enormous premium The policy of the Harrison Administration continued by the Cleveland Administration of *paying silver certificates in gold*

Will Congressman Hopkins inform his waiting constituency by what other method under existing conditions the parity of our money could be maintained? The country has not yet recovered from the cold chill caused by the mere report that Secretary Carlisle had advised the payment of Treasury certificates in silver

A "short" dollar is a dishonest and dangerous dollar It disturbs the just balance of the infinite variety of forces which enter into the intricate problem of National finance "Short" by nearly one dollar is "short" by nearly one hundred per cent upon business and labor of its intrinsic value. Under the Sherman act it is that "short" dollar, redeemable in gold. But how long we can go on buying four and one half million ounces of silver monthly and issuing certificates therefor payable in gold is the plain business proposition Congress has to meet As a business man and a Member of Congress Mr Hopkins ought not to doubt what his duty is nor hesitate to act for the repealing of a single line will do it

There may of course be two standards of value the two metals clothed with that character but to remain and be in fact standards of value they must be kept of equal intrinsic value and to do this, Congress must tinker at the ratio every time it meets. A moment's reflection must show how seriously such constant attempts to equalize the value must disturb the *stability* of money, industries, prices and labor so necessary to the business prosperity of the country

What Mr Hopkins may mean by the expression I believe in bidding the 1890 bill as a bootjack for better things if such are I cannot tell, and hope that he will make his meaning explicit

But one thing I desire to say with all possible emphasis If Congress substitutes free silver coinage at the present ratio for the Sherman act Mr Hopkins will speedily realize his fear that the worst is not yet

But unsatisfactory as the condition of monetary legislation is, it is not in my judgment the principal cause of the disturbed condition of business existing to lay in the midst of the conditions of prosperity The justly entertained fears by the business interests of the country of legislation by the Democratic party against the protective tariff system which has been the settled policy of the country for thirty years, is quite sufficient to cause the condition of stagnation distrust and apprehension which exists on all sides. From a condition of enlarging trade with a balance in our favor and a settled and hopeful outlook for business prosperity for the future before the November election, there has succeed from the moment the Government changed hands a paralysis of trade against no financial disturbance banks, suspension by individuals and closing of factories and the fears which not only depress and prostrate but threaten to overwhelm with bankruptcy the business prosperity of the country

The comparatively few millions of silver purchased under the Sherman law in excess of what the Bland Allison law provided for seems but an inadequate cause for such a result But the surprise of the country at the change it voted in under a factitious discontent arising from the demagogic arraying of class against class, and the sober second thought of seeing the settled policy of protection to American industries overturned, even at the hands of the party of free trade, are adequate to produce the results seen upon every side And it need surprise no one who has read with any care our own political history for it is simply history repeating itself. The "change" is bad enough thus far let every good citizen hope that it may be no worse.

(Sig) W. MERRICK
Wellsboro August 14.

In the reign of President James Buchanan wheat sold in Greenville at 56 cents per bushel. This was in 1857, and now in the reign of Grover Cleveland 1893 wheat is selling at 55 cents per bushel every wire nail mill in the United States is shut down and a large number of all kinds of manufacturing establishments are still in death, with a melancholy uncertainty pervading the entire country Thousands of men are out of work and over 400 banking institutions in the hands of receivers All this has happened since the 4th of March, 1893.—Greenville Argus.

AT the request of Representative Bland of Missouri, Mr Preston, the acting director of the mint, sent to the House recently a statement showing the number of grains of standard silver in the dollar at the following ratios Seventeen to one, 412 50 grains, 18 to 1, 454 40, 19 to 1, 490.20, and 20 to 1, 516.

THE Chemical National Bank of New York, one of the biggest and strongest in America, last week refused to pay in currency $700,000 demanded by the soundest and best of its customers, the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, for use in its pay-cars.

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Chronic Malaria.

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There is only one cure. Everybody who has had experience with malaria knows what the cure is. For in an exactly this is the case. It not only cleanses the blood of all malarial poison, but it promptly mitigates the bad symptoms and leaves the brain clear and nerves steady It cures without delay, without exception, and without any ill effect whatever.

A complete treatise on malarial and other summer diseases, entitled "Aurora," sent free on any address by The Peruvian Drug Manufacturing Company Columbus, Ohio.

THE Treasury Department gave out the information before the 15th of this month, that since the first of August that Department had issued United States bank notes on bonds to the extent of $3 577,405. Bonds have been deposited to secure circulation to the amount of $12,111,350 and United States bank notes to the amount of $23,603,150 have been ordered printed. The national bank note circulation outstanding is to-day 0180,140,709, an increase of more than five millions dollars since August 1

B.H&C.

Buffalo August 23

SENSATIONAL

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—Ladies' Jackets at $3 50, reduced from $5 and $8
—Ladies Jackets at $5, reduced from $8 and $12.
—Ladies Jackets at $7 50 reduced from $15 and $18
—Ladies Jackets at $10 reduced from $20 to $35.
—Ladies' Capes at $2 98, reduced from $5 and $9
—Ladies' Capes at $3.98, reduced from $7,50 to $12.
—Ladies' Capes at $5 98, reduced from $9 to $15
—Ladies' Capes at $9.98, reduced from $20 to $35.

We mean strictly that these bargain garments were made just as the rest of our garments were made, and for the same purpose, viz, to be sold at a profit and to give you satisfaction They were made as jackets ought to be made. If they really lack anything of being first class they lack because we are not infallible If we did our very best to have them made first-class

They got to be called bargains in this way Our customers on the average didn't like them so well as others, they bought others and left these That's the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth

Nobody before as far as we know, ever picked out such a mass of first class jackets and capes, and sold them at a loss because they were a little slow No matter, that's what we're doing and what we lose you gain

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JOHN T. KENT, Executor.

Copyville, Pa., Aug. 9th, 1893-6t

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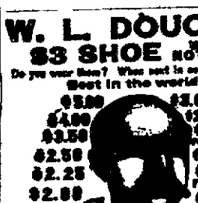

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The ladies of the Epworth League assisted by their friends will give an entertainment consisting of drills and music both vocal and instrumental, in the opera house on Tuesday evening Aug 29th The proceeds go to pay the amount they assumed towards building the new M. E. chapel Come out, enjoy yourself an assist the ladies A luxurious supper and [illegible] and events.

The pulpit of the Methodist church will be occupied next Sunday at 10 30 a m and 7 30 p m by Mr A V Sturgeon General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Bradford and a college classmate of Mr Helms. All who heard Bro M C A during their visit here a few weeks ago will want to hear Mr Sturgeon in his Practical Talks to Practical People"

A very full choir was in attendance at St. Luke's on Sunday last. Miss Cora Mason acted as organist in the absence of Mrs H S Rogers. The collection and arrangements of the numerous flowers adorning the altar of St. Luke's church has been the work of Mr J L. Walkinshaw for the greater part of the summer The golden rod was the predominating flower last Sabbath

Friday is said to be an unlucky day and Lou Bittner proved to be the Johnsonburg club who went to Smethport. As the Smethport club has been playing some ball this season our boys had only a small chance of defeating that club, but at the same time, they succeeded in holding their opponents down pretty well There was still in favor of Smethport —Johnsonburg News.

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We have received the following in a registered letter from London, Eng John Carey is a well known citizen of this place and of course he will respond to the interest of Mrs. Carey We hope there is a million awaiting John across the water, but we expect the sun has neglected to write to the mother so long that she has become anxious about him. The announcement reads "John Carey, formerly of Mortlake, and last heard of at Smethport, Pennsylvania, is requested to write to Mrs Carey Prospect Place, Mortlake, London, who is very anxious to hear from him. News of him will be thankfully received."

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The town of Ulysses, Potter County is putting on metropolitan airs now a days, because of a railroad being built to that burg The citizens anticipate great help to the building up of their town, but they will discover before many moons roll around that railroads have very little to do with the business of adding population to a town.

The ladies of the Epworth League assisted by their friends will give an entertainment consisting of drills and music both vocal and instrumental, in the opera house on Tuesday evening Aug 29th The proceeds go to pay the amount they assumed towards building the new M. E. chapel Come out, enjoy yourself an assist the ladies A luxurious supper and [illegible] and events.

The pulpit of the Methodist church will be occupied next Sunday at 10 30 a m and 7 30 p m by Mr A V Sturgeon General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Bradford and a college classmate of Mr Helms. All who heard Bro M C A during their visit here a few weeks ago will want to hear Mr Sturgeon in his Practical Talks to Practical People"

A very full choir was in attendance at St. Luke's on Sunday last. Miss Cora Mason acted as organist in the absence of Mrs H S Rogers. The collection and arrangements of the numerous flowers adorning the altar of St. Luke's church has been the work of Mr J L. Walkinshaw for the greater part of the summer The golden rod was the predominating flower last Sabbath

Friday is said to be an unlucky day and Lou Bittner proved to be the Johnsonburg club who went to Smethport. As the Smethport club has been playing some ball this season our boys had only a small chance of defeating that club, but at the same time, they succeeded in holding their opponents down pretty well There was still in favor of Smethport —Johnsonburg News.

A very interesting game of base ball was played on the ball grounds on Saturday afternoon between the "Shamrocks" and the "Clippers" which resulted in a victory for the "Shamrocks" The latter team has never lost a game and is the only local team except the "Galants" (colored) which has won out of town games this season From the playing witnessed on Saturday it may said that the "Shamrocks" are as strong a team as the Smethport team A game between the Shamrocks and Smethport would draw well in Bradford—Star

C. L. Griffith editor of the Marion Centre Indiana (Co.) *Independent* has been arrested for libel by a Mr Tocum Griffith published a street rumor about Tocum, who was an entire stranger to him, but ascertaining that the rumor was not true he made the *amende honorable* in his next issue Mr Tocum will find that he will have a bill of costs and law fees to pay, which will be all the fun he will extract from this suit Griff Ellis has tried it to this place and has visited here several times. He is a gentleman as I found he the last man to injure anyone in this county

—The entertainment of the "4 Cecilias" and Miss Davis of Warren which was announced to the public in our issue of last week had fallen through we regret to say owing to unforseen obstacles. We trust that it may be revived some day under more favorable circumstances, as the "St Cecilias" are certainly deserving of a good turn in behalf of their own special work and of assistance from all those whom they have assisted. The proposed entertainment with its novel features would I feel no very attractive and undoubtedly would be a gratifying success, and be enjoyed by our people generally

We have received the following in a registered letter from London, Eng John Carey is a well known citizen of this place and of course he will respond to the interest of Mrs. Carey We hope there is a million awaiting John across the water, but we expect the sun has neglected to write to the mother so long that she has become anxious about him. The announcement reads "John Carey, formerly of Mortlake, and last heard of at Smethport, Pennsylvania, is requested to write to Mrs Carey Prospect Place, Mortlake, London, who is very anxious to hear from him. News of him will be thankfully received."

—Last Friday afternoon Mr Benjamin H Parkhurst, a prominent young business man at Eldred, made a general assignment without preference. The assignees are Messrs J F Parkhurst of Olean, N Y, and W W Fish of Elmira, N Y Until very recently Mr Parkhurst had been considered a man of large means and resources which would carry him over any stringency in the business world It is estimated that Mr Parkhurst's liabilities amount to something like half a million dollars. His embarrassment is said to be caused by failure to realize upon business paper for lumber sold and by the general shrinkage in his numerous business enterprises.—Agitator

—It should be known more generally that railway companies will redeem unused tickets in cash. Any ticket which has been bought at a regular ticket office can be returned by the original purchaser and the railroad company will refund the money paid for it, provided that the ticket is not limited in its terms. The trunk lines do more of this than the smaller roads, as the large trunk lines are more interested in preventing ticket scalping. Roads like the Pennsylvania and New York Central redeem all their cost price. They tickets for cash at their cost price. They will also redeem the unused part of excursion tickets if presented before the time of expiration. In the the passenger department of the trunk lines there is a regular department to look after the redemption of unused tickets.—London.

Commercial.

PUTTER MINER —The Kane *Leader* says "Smethport is at present submerged under a mineral wave of such great depth that the ball team will play only with such teams as can furnish Sunday school certificates for all its members"

This attempted sarcasm is presumably founded on the conclusion of the Smethport players not to make wagers on the games they play on the ground themselves, or permit this to be done publicly by others. Our citizens commend them for it, and numerously witness the games because of it. Athletic exercise and sports they encourage. Gambling they choose to have relegated to localities where it is considered desirable. Our boys play ball" and undertake to combine the exercise to its legitimate and manly purpose and their friends believe that when a temperance advocate, a minister lawyer, accountant, clerk or other person thinks it necessary to emphasize his opinion of his capabilities with a financial wager it is time to seek counsel of others who rely on the merits of their deeds.

E. M KEENE, Captain.

Smethport, Pa., Aug 21, 1893.

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The tax, book record and rules issued by O. H. Brown, and published by the *Gazette and Bulletin*, is the most comprehensive complete and useful method ever offered and accepted by teachers With this record it is an easy matter for teachers to keep track of text books with an accuracy not otherwise to be secured. The secretary's record book, in which an account is kept of supplies passed to teachers, school boards bills of purchases, etc. Any one desiring information regarding these books should address Mr O. H. Brown Williamsport, Pa., who will gladly answer all questions.

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The success of Mrs. Annie M. Beam, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, in the treatment of diarrhoea in her children will undoubtedly be of interest to many mothers. She says' "I spent several weeks in Johnstown, Pa., after the great flood, on account of my husband being employed there. We had several children with us, two of whom took the diarrhoea very badly. I got some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy from Rev Mr Chapman. It cured both of them. I knew of several other cases where it was equally successful I think it cannot be excelled and cheerfully recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong.

Miss Anna Beckbee, the new teacher at Edinboro Normal, is well-known as an educator. She was Superintendent of the common schools of Potter county two terms, and was three years principal of the training school in Harrisburg She has attended and instructed many summer normal schools in this and other states, and has been an instructor at institutes in more than a score of counties in Pa. Miss Beckbee resigns a position worth $100 per month and home to accept the position at Edinboro

Mr H J Mayers, of Oakland, Md., says "I have sold thirteen bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to-day and am literally sold out. This is the largest sale on record of any one preparation in a day over our counters. It gives the best satisfaction of any cough medicine we handle, and as a seller it leads all other preparations on the market." For sale by A. B. Armstrong.

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Notice.

There will be a business meeting of the Smethport band on Monday night, Aug. 28, at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

E. E. KNAPP, Manager.

Ray Pickett of Warren was a guest at the Central Sunday last.

O. H. Goodsell returned Tuesday from a visit with Olean relatives.

Mayor Daniel Bacon departed Monday for a visit to the World's Fair.

Miss Lee Knapp was visiting friends in Bradford the latter part of last week.

Miss Mable Norton of Olean, is the guest of friends at the Grand Central.

Roscoe Bard of Mt. Jewett is visiting his brother Herbert in town this week

Messrs. Bert Hitchcock and Fred McElroy start next week for the World's Fair.

John King of Florida, formerly of this place, is a guest of Rob. King of this place.

Mrs. R. H. Green, of Sahara Rice, of Erie, Pa., was calling on friends in Eldred this week.

W. E. McCoy of Augusta, Ga., arrived in Smethport Saturday last, being called here by the illness of Mrs. McCoy.

Charles H. Buell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is a guest of Fred D. Phillips of Green street. They are room-mates at Yale.

Miss Mary Mantz and Miss Rose Curtis returned Wednesday from Bradford, where they have been spending a few weeks with friends.

Miss Minnie Woodcock who has been visiting with Mr. Jewett friends for some weeks past, returned to her home in this place Wednesday last.

Miss Lelia Hackett who has been employed in Port Allegany for several months past returned to the home in this place on Saturday last

The Misses Mary and Lilla Biggins who have been visiting with relatives and friends in Eldred, for several weeks, returned home last Wednesday

Mrs. E. M Neff, of Utica, Orleans Co., N Y and Mrs. Milford Hill, of Olean, N Y., are visiting at Mason Hall's on Fulton street. The latter is a sister of Mr and Mrs. Hall.

R. B. Ford, of the firm of Ford Bro's of Gardeau, was in town on Monday. His firm contemplates rebuilding a large mill to the rear future and the times improve.—Emporium Press

Mrs. B. Y Wright accompanied by her sisters, Mrs Sarah B. F Richmond, and her daughters, Lucy and Lida, started for a visit to the Columbian Exposition this Monday evening

Mrs. Cornforth and daughter Lois, who have been visiting Mrs. Bradbury Mrs. Cornforth's mother, and other friends in town for several weeks past, left for her home in Clyde Monday, on afternoon last. They will take in the World's Fair on their route

LITERARY NOTES.

TAKING NAPOLEON'S LAST HELENA

The *Century* has just come in possession of one of the most unique and important historical documents of the age It is a record of the daily life of Napoleon Bonaparte on board the English ship which bore him to his captivity at St. Helena, as contained in the hitherto unpublished journal of the secretary of the admiral in charge The reports of many conversations held by the admiral with the deposed Emperor regarding his important campaigns are given with great fullness and there is much about the bearing and the personal habits of Bonaparte during the voyage. The Memoirs of this Lasas contain the story of the Emperor's deportation as told by a Frenchman and a follower this diary is an English gentleman a view of the same memorable journey and of the impressions made by daily contact with the man who had all Europe at his feet.

The diary will be published in daily numbers of The Century

THREE GOOD STORIES.

An eminent New York divine, in the course of an address at a fraternity dinner recently, told this story Said he I met a Brooklyn friend of mine a few days ago, and as he appeared to be feeling in an unusually exuberant frame of mind, I asked him why. He replied that he was happy because he had done three good actions that day before He had met a poor woman on the street. The woman looked elderly-looking child in her arms, and she was weeping bitterly. Inquiry showed that she was weeping because she was convinced that her child was dying

But, said the Brooklyn man, why do you not have the child baptized

Because I have no money, said the woman.

Whereupon the good Samaritan handed the woman a ten-dollar bill, gave her his address so that she could bring back the change—which she did return—and went his way

That is one good action, said the Doctor Now for the other two.

Oh, observed the Brooklyn man, they are all three in that one First, I relieved the sorrows of a weeping woman second I assured the child of eternal salvation, and third—" Here he hesitated.

Yes? said the Doctor. What was the third?

Well, said the Brooklyn man the third was that I got rid of that ten-dollar bill and counterfeit bill, and have more than a year's change carrying for once.—From the "Editor's Drawer," in Harper's Magazine for September.

Horse Notice, Dogs, etc.

The Humphreys' Medicine Company of New York, will mail on application a complimentary copy of Humphreys' Veterinary Manual (100 pages) on the treatment and cure of horses, cattle, dogs, hogs, sheep and poultry

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last Saturday.

Stewart Dodd of Olean spent Sunday with his parents in this place

Miss Neva Shaner is visiting with Mrs. F. P. Shaner in Olean this week

The Baptist Sunday School held their picnic at Mountain Park last Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs George Weber have been spending a few days with friends in Friendship

Mesdames Madison and Monroe of Coudersport spent a few days in this place last week

Miss Minnie Young of Coudersport has been visiting in this place with Mrs Beck for a few days

Miss Allie Clark of Buffalo has been spending a few days in this place with Miss Jessie Camp.

Mr and Mrs E. P. Cornell and daughter and Mr. and Mrs Delamater of Costello spent Sunday in this place

Mr and Mrs A N Lillibridge start for Chicago to visit the World's Fair this week We wish them a pleasant trip

The Epworth League gave an entertainment at the Methodist church last Sunday evening The programme was very interesting

Misses Pauline and Almeda Lavalee are in Gowanda this week assisting Miss Freddie Bard in a musical entertainment given by her in that place.

At a meeting of the borough council last Saturday evening Ann street between Broad street and Arnold avenue was ordered open and to be graded

Dr J S Stearns is confined to his bed again with a hemorrhage in his stomach The Doctor had just recovered from his stomach trouble, and he has the sympathy of all who know him

A game of progressive conversation was played at Miss Grace Sartwell's home last Monday evening Two presents were awarded, Miss Allie Clark received the first prize and Bryce Kinney the booby prize

H P Roys, P G Kendall and F P. Shaner of Olean went hunting on the Larrabee flats last Thursday About 12 o'clock at night they were awakened from their sleep by the breaking of limbs directly over their camp They grabbed their guns, and by some mistake Kendall and Roys got a hold of the same gun, but fortunately the gun was not loaded The only avenue of escape that could be seen by them in such a moment was a thick tree which they all tried to climb at once, but before they had climbed far they discovered that the noise they had heard was the snapping of the wood on the camp fire

MT ALTON

Robt Robison is having a run of typhoid fever

Mrs Jos Ward took a trip to Randolph last week

M J Fitzpatrick, of Olean, made Alton a short visit last week

John Hafner, of Farmers Valley, made Alton a short visit last week

Simon Crites, of Ridgeville, was quite ill for a number of days last week

R H Huntley, of Smethport, made a trip through this section last Saturday

It is reported that Mrs Donnelly, Ridgeville is a sufferer from typhoid fever

Mr and Mrs A G Easterbrook, of Bradford, spent several days here last week

Simon Martin and family of Farmers Valley visited friends here on the 13th inst

Mrs Metcalf and children, of Jamestown, are visiting at the residence of Mrs Hilton

Misses Belle Earley and Anna Horrigan, of Bradford, are visiting with friends in this place

Mrs John Green, accompanied by Master Johnny are spending a few weeks at the World's Fair

W J Beacom wife and son, started on Friday for a ten days visit at Randolph, Chautauqua and other points

W I Foster and family have moved to Lewis Run this week, whereby another vacancy is left that will hardly be filled

Mrs J T Bennett and daughter Ruth, of Knapps Creek, are spending a few weeks among their many friends in this place

A Keesler, who has been confined to the house some weeks with rheumatism, was able to take a short drive a few days ago

Messrs Wm and Robt Ward and families, of Pittsburg, who visited friends in this place recently returned to their home last week

Schuyler Beaumont, of Pittsburg, who spent a couple of weeks at the residence of his parents, returned to the city last Friday

Father Gallighan read the bans of marriage for Mike Ryan, Jr and Miss Mary Lyons in his services of the 20th inst Marriage ceremony to be performed on September 10th

Our school begins August 28th, and the teachers for this township are looking up boarding places Another school will probably be added to the Lafayette list and that is down at West Line The inhabitants there agree to furnish a house and gas, if the school board will furnish a teacher and books

A fire occurred at Tantor Mills on the 15 inst, by which the double house occupied by Jerome Keesler and family and John Hay and family, was totally destroyed, with most of the contents A large bucket brigade were present but owing to the scarcity of water in that section, their efforts were of little avail Our people are rendering some assistance to these worthy families, who in one short hour, lost nearly all of their possessions

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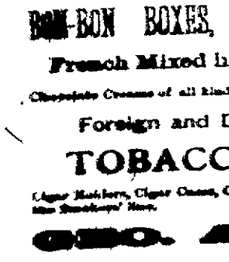

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WORLD'S FAIR, Aug. 17.—[Special.]—The various reunions and clan gatherings of one sort or another deserve much more attention than they have yet received, but I suppose the main reason why the papers in the interested sections do not announce them in the future is that many of those of the past miscarried since the first of the month, however every such event is one of as much interest and now the arrangements for those to come are of such a complete that nothing short of a cataclysm can postpone or prevent.

Some of the reunions have been remarkably pleasant affairs, though very few were present, and none more so than that of the "Forty-niners" or Argonauts of California. Of course but few are now alive of the 40,000 Americans who went to California forty-four years ago, and but few of those could get here, but their gathering in the state building was a night to bring laughter and tears. All form was laid aside. They shook hands, they hugged each other sometimes they fairly wept with laughter and sometimes they alighed deeply and wiped their eyes. Pretty soon they broke up into little groups each representing some noted camp and recounted of its old residents, and then they told stories of rolling big nuggets and "panning out" big yields, of lynchings and fightings and chasing of highwaymen, which made Bret Harte's product look more like a Sunday school book. At 2 p. m. began the more merely formal exercises such as singing and speech making.

Various college classes have also arranged for class reunions here and most of these were done with early in July as a commencement day ripely comes after the 4th. A week ago today the Knights of Pythias made the main avenue gay with their display, and the next day Louisianans dedicated her building with some pomp and official ceremony. On Monday the 7th following a band made its first appearance. All this time the "in and out" congresses of every sort are running, either in the great hall down town or in some fair building, and discussing all practical things from the alleged unwholesome mess of pork to the various systems of sewerage and all scientific subjects soon noticeable with law reform and woman's wrongs for themes on the side. These are but a few of the specialties, and those in the future will be of still increase in interest.

It has been suggested that the landlords of south Chicago hold a grand reunion a few years hence after they get well, and I may add that it might appropriately open with the first of Aeneas' address to Dido, "Infandum jubes, regina, renovare dolorem." It will indeed be "to renew a monstrous grief" for here are the figures to date: Capacity of the World's Fair grounds without crowding, 500,000 people; actual daily requirement 250,000 average; to date away below normal. Chicago the "Queen with profane emphasis that one chief of these are residents of the city and another third live so near that they ride in in cars and at some evenings. This is an exaggeration, of course, but it is certain that the daily demand for means is not more than 40 or 50 above the sum for average and that really elegant rooms can be had at 75 cents or $1 a day. It is very a laughing matter we might enjoy recalling those magnificent assurances published so widely last year how committees and hotel owners were overwhelmed at trains and how that they [illegible] and how [illegible] and see that they [illegible] to be supplied with [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and